



GP1809  
#11  
Chh  
1-21-98

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Dakai Liu et al. )  
Serial No. 08/822,963 )  
Filed: March 21, 1997 )  
Title: **Vectors and Viral Vectors,  
And Packaging Cell Lines  
For Propagating Same** )

Group Art Unit: 1809  
Examiner: Sean McGarry

527 Madison Avenue, 9th Floor  
New York, New York 10022  
December 30, 1997

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RECONSIDERATION OF RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143**

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.143, Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the restriction requirement set forth in the September 2, 1997 Office Action which was issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 2, 1997 Office Action was originally due October 2, 1997. Applicants hereby request a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and hereby give authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 the \$475.00 small entity fee for this extension. Applicants' status as a small entity has been previously established and is still applicable. A response to the September 2, 1977 Office Action is now due January 2, 1998, and this response is therefore being timely filed.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-67 are pending in the application. No claims have been amended, added or canceled by this response. Accordingly, claims 1-67 are being presented for examination, subject to the instant restriction requirement.

**Certificate of Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. §1.8**

I hereby declare that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

12/30/97  
Date

John J. Santalone, Esq.